

THE DAILY WHIP

Wednesday, May 7, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	3:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-Minutes"	

***** NOTE THAT ON FRIDAY WE EXPECT IMPORTANT VOTES ON THE REPUBLICAN TAX CUT. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The House will convene at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business.

Suspensions (6 bills):

- 1) H.R. 100** - Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (C. Smith - Veterans Affairs)
- 2) H.Con.Res. 96** - Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (LaTourette - T&I)
- 3) H.Con.Res. 53** - Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (Hoyer - T&I)
- 4) H.R. 866** - Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2003 (Don Young - T&I)
- 5) H.R. 874** - Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2003 (Don Young - T&I)
- 6) H.Res. 213** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public service employees should be commended for their dedication and service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week (Davis (IL) - Gov't Reform)

Rolled Suspension Vote (1 bill):

- 1) H.R. 1609** - To redesignate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the 'Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building' (Graves - Gov't Reform)

H.R. 766 - Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003 (Boehlert - Science) (Open Rule with one hour of general debate)

H.Res. 148 - Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighth Congress (Ney - House Admin) (Under Unanimous Consent with one hour of general debate)

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BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. 766 - Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003 (Boehlert - Science) (Open Rule with one hour of general debate). This bill creates a National Nanotechnology Program to promote federal nanotechnology research, development, education, technology transfer, and commercial applications. The program would provide grants to investigators, establish interdisciplinary research centers and advanced technology user facilities, and establish a research program to identify societal and ethical concerns related to nanotechnology. The bill authorizes \$2.4 billion in FY 04-06 to carry out the program and divides these funds among five federal agencies (National Science Foundation; Energy Department; National Institute of Standards and Technology; NASA; and EPA).

The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

H.Res. 148 - Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighth Congress (Ney - House Admin) (Under Unanimous Consent with one hour of general debate). This bill provides \$222.6 million for 18 House committees for both sessions of the 108th Congress — \$19.1 million (9.4%) more than in the last Congress. This bill provides funding to all House committees except for the Appropriations Committee, which is funded through the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, and the Homeland Security Committee, which will be funded by another resolution to be considered separately.

DAILY QUOTE...

"I fear such a plan would be viewed as a gimmick that cloaks the true cost in the theory that the plan would only be three years and it would not be made permanent by Congress at a later date. This proposal is not sound policy."

- Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME), regarding the Senate GOP's tax proposal [The House GOP's tax bill has been subjected to the same criticism.]

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